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SUBJECT: EC SEED CERTIFICATION

REF: EC A-266, 9/19/74

1. AMERICAN SEED TRADE ASSOCIATION DELEGATION MEMBERS LEWIS CAMP AND WAYNE UNDERWOOD, AND AN ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE MET ON MAY 30 AND JUNE 2 WITH DR. GRAEBER AND DIETER OBST, COMMISSION OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL HARMINIZATION OF EC MEMBER STATES' LAWS AFFECTING SEED CERTIFICATION AND MARKETING. THE PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS SHIPMENTS TO EC MEMBER STATES OF US SEED WHICH HAS NOT CONFORMED TO EC CERTIFICATION NORMS. NON- CONFORMANCE WAS PRINCIPALLY FAILURE TO INDICATE ON THE ACCOMPANYING LABEL A DECLARATION THAT THE SEED MET EC RULES AND STANDARDS. COMMISSION OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED THAT US SEED CAN MEET SUCH RULES AND STANDARDS AND THAT THE US SEED CERTIFICATION AGENCIES INCLUDED IN THE THIRD COUNTRY EQUIVALENCY LIST (REFAIR) ARE COMPETENT TO MAKE SUCH A DECLARATION.

2. THE ASTA DELEGATION CONFIRMED US SEED TRADE INTEREST IN AND ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH EC LABELLING REQUIREMENTS AND STATED ASTA'S INTENTION TO CONTACT US INTERESTED PARTIES (E G., AAOSCA)

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TO ASSURE THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS WERE MET.

3. DIETER OBST RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE DIFFICULTIES FOR MARKETING US SEED (EXCEPT COMMERCIAL SEED) AFTER 1980 BECAUSE OF EC REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISED MAINTENANCE OF VARIETY BREEDING. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE DOES NOT EXIST IN THE US ANY OFFICIAL SUPERVISION OF VARIETY MAINTENANCE BREEDING. OBST SUGGESTED THAT THE US EITHER 1) THROUGH ITS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PROVIDE SUCH SUPERVISION OR 2) ALLOW EC OFFICIAL INSPECTORS TO DO SO IN THE US OR 3) HAVE MAINTENANCE PLOTS IN EC MEMBER STATES.

4. THE ASTA DELEGATION CONCURRED IN THIS MESSAGE.
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